

R6 DAILY SUMMARY

December 13, 2012

Actions in SCOUT:

External Outreach:

- Drinking water staff gave a presentation titled “Sanitary Surveys and the Ground Water Rule” at the TROC meeting in Dallas, Texas. (WQ)
- UIC staff held a conference call with EPA Region 9, Office of Water, and Office of General counsel pertaining to the HRI aquifer exemption reassessment. (WQ)
- Letters were mailed to 5 citizens of Goliad County regarding EPA’s approval of the UEC aquifer exemption. The letters detailed the steps EPA pursued to evaluate data necessary to ensure protection of the aquifer. (WQ)
- Meeting with representatives from Chevron Mining Inc. in discussions of NPDES permit renewal and new treatment facility. (WQ)
- NPDES Oversight held informal discussions with ADEQ on the application of a TMDL for Chlorides in the City of Dermott draft permit. (WQ)
- OEJTA participated on an Environmental Justice and EPA Rulemaking conference call discussing training approaches on the proposed Petroleum Refinery rules. (OEJTA)
- Call with DOJ to discuss docket and target progress of conclusions for FY13. (RC)
- Finalizing communications plan for Arkansas GHG permit (XA)
- Finalized scheduling for the RA Arkansas trip next week. (XA)
- RCRA program and ORC representatives conducted meetings with TCEQ and Exide focused primarily on the need for public input on all aspects of demolition and remediation of the Exide Frisco facility. TCEQ and Exide agreed to develop a schedule of site-wide activities and identify clearly when public comment will be solicited. EPA also offered several recommendations to improve Exide's communication with the public, which thus far has been through their web site and a public meeting held on December 12th. (PD)
- EPA and TCEQ received a commitment from the Encycle Trustee that remediation would be delayed until after public meeting, tentatively scheduled for December 18th. This commitment was made at the request of Citizens for Environmental Justice, TCEQ, and EPA. The meeting may be moved out to January 3rd if community members are agreeable to the new date. (PD)

Organizational/Personnel:

- Extended detail for Brad Crawford as Acting Chief of the Permits Oversight Section. (WQ)
- The Environmental Law Section (ELS) of the Dallas Bar Association (DBA) recognized Jon Bull (Assistant Regional Counsel, RCRA Enforcement Branch) for his service to ELS and the DBA by making a monetary donation to the T. Boone Pickens downtown YMCA's 'Make a Splash' program, through which the Y teaches local at-risk youth about water safety; Jon served as Chair of ELS in 2011 and has been a long-time active volunteer for the Dallas YMCA. (RC)
- 6PD had their annual holiday event today in the 12th floor conference room area and the event was attended by the RA for an all-hands 6PD meeting. (PD)

Significant Emergency Responses:

Actions taken or Documents Issued:

- Participated with DOJ in call with BP regarding the sale of its Texas City refinery and pending air enforcement concerns. (RC)
- Reviewed and concurred on a Clean Water Act, Class II (OPA) CA/FO for WLE, Inc. in St Martin Parish, Louisiana. (RC)

Pending HQ Decisions:

- Air Division Directors were briefed December 12th during a special purpose call on the upcoming release of the rulemaking on the PM 2.5 NAAQS. It is expected that an announcement will be made by Administrator Jackson on Friday, December 14th. During the call it was discussed that separate calls were being held with the Regional External Affairs and Press offices. (PD)

HQ Visits:

- Bill Honker and Jane Watson attended Water Division Directors' Meeting in Denver, Colorado Dec 10-12. (WQ)

Emerging Issues:

- TEXARKANA WOOD PRESERVING IN TEXARKANA, TX: On Friday, December 14, 2012, the Environmental Protection Agency will be meeting with the City Mayor, Councilman, County officials, and the Texarkana Emergency Management Service. The meeting will include an EPA briefing on the completed remedial action construction work, ground water cleanup activities, institutional controls, and potential reuse for the site. (SF)
- Drafting communications plan for AR 303d CWA list (XA)
- Drafting communications plan for Equistar LaPorte draft GHG permit (XA)
- Drafting communications plan for Equistar Methanol draft GHG permit (XA)
- Developing background information for the RA for his trip to Arkansas to meet with ADEQ Director Marks and Mayor Stodola (Little Rock) and Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission (XA)
- Developing list of reporters to share GNEB annual report (XA)
- Developing communications plan with press release for OK NPDES delegation 12/20 (XA)
- Coordinating with EPA headquarters on Emissions Release Reduction Initiative letters (XA)
- Staff spoke with Beth Seaton at TCEQ and there is a good chance that the Encycle public meeting will be postponed until January 2nd. The trustee has agreed to delay remediation until the 3rd. Staff should know something definite tomorrow and will keep you in the loop. (PD)
- A decision is expected on December 14th from the Office of Air and Radiation and the Administrator's office on the final level for the PM2.5 standard. Depending on the level, this may input several new nonattainment areas in Ron 6. (PD)